



March 2003

## ***Rule Revision To Be Considered***

# **Water Works Operator Certification Chapter 246-292 WAC**

### **Operators affected**

All certified water works operators and all new applicants for certification.

### **Purpose of rule change**

Chapter 246-292 WAC will be revised to incorporate language to clarify the Department of Health's revocation and suspension authority to better address enforcement actions against certified water works operators.

### **Public health benefit**

Certified operators are responsible for protecting public health and providing safe water through competent operation of their water system.

### **Key issues of public interest**

Chapter 246-292 WAC will be revised to:

- Add a definition for "gross negligence";
- Add language requiring submission of Code of Ethics;
- Revise the definition of "relevancy"; and
- Revise the "revocation and suspension" section.

### **Rule development timeline**

#### **State Timelines and Requirements (subject to change):**

- Regulation Start-Up – July 2003
- Develop Draft Regulations – August through October 2003
- Stakeholder Comment Period — November through January 2004
- Public Hearing – March 2004
- Rule Adoption – April through May 2004

A CR-101 will be filed in June 2003.

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